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AMENDMENT

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 15, 2002 (Paper No. 7). A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, to and including August 15, 2002) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as rewritten in clean form below. A marked-up version of the claims amended by rewriting and having all additions underlined and all deletions bracketed is attached hereto as pages 16-20 of this amendment.

1. (Amended) A hydraulic drive apparatus for driving and rotating a drive rotary member in accordance with an operation position input from operation position inputting means, the apparatus comprising:

the drive rotary member driven and rotated by hydraulic pressure; working oil supplying means for supplying working oil to drive and rotate the drive rotary member;